



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018 6:30 PM
Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Building
928 Blackson Ave.
Austin, Texas, 78752**

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 at Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Building, 928 Blackson Ave., Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Nasario Jaimes	Elisse Jean-Pierre
Samuel Adair	Montserrat Garibay	Nicole Merritt
Adrian De La Rosa	Krystal Gomez	Glenn Rosales

Board Members not in Attendance:

Walid Kobrosly
Pedro Villalobos, *Vice-Chair*
Aditya Rastogi

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:45pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February, 2018
 - Nicole motioned to accept the minutes
 - Glenn seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 8-0 vote with Pedro, Abby, Walid, and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Presentation of the FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan process – Angela Sommers of City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD)**
 - Overview of city budget process (written report to follow)
 - B. Draft of Immigrant Status – Elisse**
 - Resolution # 201802124B Regarding meeting Refugee Housing Needs

- Sam Motion to approve with amendments
- Nicole seconded the motion
- Approved on 8-0 vote with Pedro, Abby, Walid, and Aditya absent

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. Resolution on Passing Immigration Reform – Adita - Tabled**
- B. Guest speaker for next meeting – Austin Police Department representative (s) – updates on S.B. 4 process**
- C. By-Laws draft – Krystal - Tabled**

6. STANDING ITEMS

- A. Welcoming City Workshops**
 - 1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse: None**
 - 2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn: None**
 - 3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario: None**
 - 4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal:**
 - Meeting with APD to discuss the assignment of a community liaison
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 - 5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen**
 - CoIA to consider partnering up with Austin Public Health
 - 6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario - None**
 - 7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen - None**
- B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: None**
- C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update: None**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Digital Services Bilingual Resident Testing - City of Austin
- Citizenship drive on March 31 at Dobie M.S.
- “Fiesta de Salud” coming up on May 5, 2018 10am-2pm at A.B. Cantu/Pan American Recreational Center

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- Implementation of newsletter

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 8:07 pm

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